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TAGS: AFSP, PFOR, MARR, MASS, LA

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF DAO IN VIENTIANE

REFS: (A) VIENTIANE 5359

1. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO FORWARD FOLLOWING  
REVISED TEXT.

2. BEGIN QTE: YOUR HIGHNESS: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER  
TO OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATION REGARDING THE INTENTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH A DEFENSE ATTACHE  
OFFICE AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN  
LAOS AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT TO YOU FURTHER DETAILS  
CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

WE PROPOSE TO ESTABLISH A DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE IN THE  
COURSE OF RESTRUCTURING OUR DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO MEET  
THE NEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE POST-CEASEFIRE PERIOD. ASSIGNED  
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TO THIS SINGLE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE IN VIENTIANE WILL BE

ALL AMERICAN PERSONNEL PERFORMING MILITARY AND MILITARY-RELATED FUNCTIONS IN LAOS.

THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE IN LAOS WILL BE HEADED BY A GENERAL OFFICER AS DEFENSE ATTACHE. HIS STAFF WILL CONSIST OF MILITARY PERSONNEL PLUS A LIMITED NUMBER OF CIVILIANS, THE LATTER TO PERFORM ESSENTIALLY ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL SUPPORT TASKS. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE AND HIS STAFF WILL PERFORM THE NORMAL REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS NOW DIS-

CHARGED BY OUR ACCREDITED MILITARY ATTACHES, AND WILL ALSO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO LAOS. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE WILL, OF COURSE, BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF THE CHIEF OF THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER.

PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR HIGHNESS, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QTE. ROGERS

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